

Chelan City Of Sorrow After Bus Plunge Takes Lives Of 15 Youngsters

CHELAN, Wash., Nov. 27 (AP)—Chelan today was a city of sorrow, its town hall ready for duty as a morgue, its beautiful Lake Chelan an icy grave which had swallowed a community of children when an inbound school bus left the road yesterday and carried 15 youngsters and its driver to death in the deep waters.

Six persons, five children and a woman passenger, escaped. Mrs. Ted Brown, the passenger, said Driver Jack Randle, 26, stood up and fought the wheel when the bus struck a rock in the snow-swept road and swerved over a 20-foot bank into the lake.

League Dinner Cost Clarified

John Ebinger, president of the Izak Walton league, said today there may be some misunderstanding concerning the cost for Friday night's league dinner. The cost, he said, is purely a service charge of the hotel for preparing and serving the geese and ducks, furnishing the supplemental food items for the dinner, and furnishing the Willard hotel accommodations of the Blue Room and the main dining room, on a per person basis. The entire cost goes to the hotel. There will be no profit to the league and none is intended. In addition to personal cost to defray the hotel expenses, the league out of its own fund is having the birds dressed by commercial pickers. Ebinger said the league hopes all who love outdoor sports will come to the dinner and bring their ladies. There will be turkey for those who prefer it. The dinner will be held at 7 p. m., preceded by a cocktail hour in the Blue Room at 6:30 p. m. Dr. Paul Needham, fish director for the state game commission, will show a technicolor film of field activities of his department.

Coulee dam and Seattle were to resume their search for the sunken bus and its grim load this morning after two of them, brothers Colin and D. S. O'Donnell, went down 160 feet last night without locating the vehicle. At 130 feet they found one body, that of 16-year-old Henry Davis.

The O'Donnells believed another body was nearby, but their submarine light failed and they had to give up the search for the night. Today they were to try with deep-sea equipment. How deep the bus might have gone no one dared guess. Lake Chelan is famous for the 1500-foot depth which puts its deepest point 421 feet below sea level.

Children Aboard
The bus served the farming community of 25 Mile Creek and residents of the area said last night nearly every school child from the community was aboard. One boy, Joe Burdett, 15, came home in a Thanksgiving Day visit to an aunt in Pomeroy, Wash., to learn the fate of nearly all his friends.

A. R. Rice, Chelan school teacher who lives at 25 Mile Creek, and his son, Alan, normally ride the bus but were following it yesterday in their car. They reached the scene in time to rescue Mrs. Brown and help Rice's daughter, Margaret, and Ethel Keck ashore.

All the children and Mrs. Brown, who suffered from shock and exposure, are reported in good condition last night. Still missing were Anne, 10, and Karl Dam, 6; Dorothy Davis, 18, sister of Henry; Betty, 12, and Larry Miller, 8; Jean, 13, and Donna Keck, 7, sisters of Ethel; Stewart, 6, and Douglas Hale, 8; Lewis, 11, and Barbara Asklund; Ruth Hawley, 10, Ronald Ayers, 13, and Bernard Gilmore, 9.

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Malin
Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, pioneer residents of the Malin community have had a number of family guests recently. From Fort Klamath was Mrs. S. L. Stetum who more than fifty years ago was a school pupil of Mrs. Bailey's in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holbrook, sons Roy Jr., and Rolland of Medford, Ex-Sergeant W. C. McManus, wife and twin sons, Brady and Michael and Mrs. McManus' mother, Mrs. Bratcher, Sonoma, California have been here. Mr. McManus and Mrs. Holbrook are nephew and niece of Mr. Bailey. O. E. Hunt, Ashland and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cecil Hunt and baby daughter, Bonanza, have been guests. Hunt is an old time neighbor of the Baileys.

Ruth Goodrich and Wanda Needles are holding meetings in the Malin Presbyterian church each evening except Saturday. The service begins at 7:30 and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blatch, recent residents of Malin and formerly of Merrill spent the Thanksgiving holiday with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Samsel and baby daughter Kathleen of Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Loosley and daughter Dorothy spent the last week end in Corvallis with their son John, student at Oregon State college. Loosley is a graduate of the same college. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Whitlatch had as Thanksgiving day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Christian, Klamath Falls, Corporal Joe Murray, USMC and Mrs. Van Thome. Other recent guests in the home have been Mr. and Mrs. George Raycroft, Bend, cousins of Mrs. Whitlatch.

On Saturday evening, November 24 Mr. and Mrs. Whitlatch were honored on their 35th wedding anniversary with a buffet supper at the home of their son, Vern Whitlatch and Mrs. Whitlatch in Klamath Falls.

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permitted such personal effects as a razor, electric irons, radios and tools of trade. Repatriates were not allowed to leave with currency of any foreign country or with any article intended as a gift.

Cash in excess of the allowable amount will be turned over to the Customs Service for disposal.

Prior to departure each repatriate was immunized against smallpox and immunization against typhoid — para typhoid will be given en route.

Merrill
MERRILL — Mrs. Geraldine Cox has been elected to serve the Merrill Rebekah lodge as noble grand and her corps of elected co-officers includes Mrs. Sylvia Jones, vice grand; Mrs. Mary Pope, recording secretary; Mrs. Anne Fruits, financial secretary. Appointive offices will be filled by the new noble grand.

Margaret Loper and Inez Waldin have been initiated. Members donated funds for a new ramp that is to be installed at the Oddfellows' home in Portland.

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land for use by the aged and the lodge voted to use the \$15 check received as a float prize in the fall potato festival for new regalia when it can be purchased. The lodge will buy a bond also in the present campaign.

Mrs. Mary Pope was appointed grand chairman of a carnival that the lodge plans to sponsor in the fall of 1946.

A Thanksgiving program was given under the chairmanship of Esther Johnson and the birthday committee headed by Pearl Moore served refreshments. R. H. Anderson, Klamath Falls will

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be in charge of refreshments to be served by the birthday committee at the next meeting.

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